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Dear Madam Secretary:

I am concerned to learn that the FDA is considering weakening labeling requirements for irradiated foods.

Since foods undergo chemical changes after exposure to radioactive isotopes, it is possible they are rendered less wholesome, and perhaps even health threatening. Further, beneficial bacteria that alert one when food is spoiled are destroyed.

Therefore, I believe the public has a right to know when food has been exposed to nuclear radiation. Foods should be labeled as such prominently.

Further, I believe there should be a moratorium on irradiated foods until long term studies have been made concerning possible health dangers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

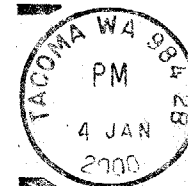


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